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ACTION SY-05

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FM AMEMBASSY DACCA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9848
INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMCONSUL KARACHI
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 3959

NEW DELHI FOR RSO; KARACHI FOR CO CO B; HONG KONG FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: BOMB ATTEMPT -- WHY?

REFS: (A) DACCA 3830, (B) DACCA 3834, (C) DACCA 3943

1. REFTELS PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT JUNE 17 BOMB ATTEMPT AT GSO COMPOUND. AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED, IN CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY, THAT BDG CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG SUCH AN INVESTIGATION WILL TAKE. WHILE WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL THROW MIGHT LIGHT ON INCIDENT, WE PLAN TO HOLD REMAINING COMPONENTS OF DEVICE (WATCH, WIRES, BATTERY), RETURN TO DATT JUNE 23, UNTIL INVESTIGATORS ARE FINISHED, THEN FORWARD PIECES TO DEPARTMENT IF INTERESTED. (PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY OF DESIG-NATION OF OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM COMPONENTS SHOULD BE SENT.)

2. WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR DISPUTING BDG ARMY EXPERT'S CONCLUSIONS THAT THIS WAS A WORKABLE DEVICE WHICH FAILED ONLY BECAUSE HOUR HAND ON WATCH, MOVEMENT OF WHICH WOULD
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HAVE CLOSED CIRCUIT AND TRIGGERED DEVICE, FELL OFF AT SOME POINT. THE DEVICE WAS SIMPLE IN DESIGN, BUT WOULD HAVE BEEN LETHAL IF IT HAD WORKED.

3. WHILE OUR MESSAGES ADMITTEDLY PROVIDE ONLY LIMITED INFORMATION, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT'S BEST GUESS/OPINION ON WHETHER THIS

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INCIDENT PARALLELS OR OTHERWISE FITS INTO A PATTERN
OBSERVED ELSEWHERE. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE WAY
OF SECURITY, LIMITING ASSEMBLY OF AMERICANS, AND OTHER
PRECAUTIONS WILL BE INFLUENCED BY JUDGMENT WHETHER THIS
WAS A PURELY LOCAL INITIATIVE BY SOMEONE WHO DISAPPROVED
OF "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE" FOR HIS OWN REASONS OR WHETHER
THEJE ARE PROBABLE INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS.
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